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SOURCE:

1. Because of the steady decline in morale in the Polish Army and Air Force, attributed to the prejudice against Soviet officers, many Soviet officers have been replaced by Polish officers who have passed special training courses in the USSR. Despite this significant concession, morale is still low though open complaints are few. The control has, of course, remained in Soviet hands, and the Soviet supreme commanders continue to have Soviet deputies and aides as well as Soviet liaison officers to the units. Soviet officers are increasingly endeavoring to remain in the background in view of the open Polish hostility, and orders are usually transmitted through politically reliable Polish officers.
2. A new training establishment for political commissars has been opened at Miedzna (R53/F71) near Warsaw. Most of the instructors are Soviets. After completion of the course, the students are to be used as political commissars in army units.

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